MaGee Heads Ambidexter

Elected to Succeed the Rev. G. H. McDaniel.

Has Had a Long Career as an Educator and a Minister—Eschews Salary Until Institution is Prospering.

On Nov. 11, at a special meeting of the general board of directors of the Ambidexter institution, located on the southeast corner of Twelfth and Cass streets, the Rev. G. H. McDaniel tendered his resignation, severing all connection with said institute, stating that he wished to enter the lecture field. The Rev. McDaniel's resignation was accepted and since that time the board had been searching very carefully for the best man to place at the head of this institution.

Last Thursday night the board unanimously tendered this position to the Rev. Dr. J. H. McGee, who in a few well chosen words accepted the presidency of Ambidexter institute subject to the express con



THE REV. DR. J. H. MAGEE, New President of Ambidexter Institute.

dition that the work required of him should it in no way conflict with or interfere with his present work and duties.

ESCHEWS SALARY AT PRESENT.

Dr. MaGee will at once reorganize the institute, working evenings and odd hours. He will iay out a course of study for the school and give lectures to students and teachers at least one evening each week. Dr. MaGee further stipulated that he would not expect nor receive any salary or compensation for his services until such a time as the said institute was by and with the support and help of the men and women of his race and its friends among the white race, placed it in growing and prosperous condition.

LONG CAREER AS EDUCATOR.

He returned to America and engaged in teaching first as principal of the Baptist college in Nashville, Tenn., (now Roger Williams' university); next as principals of one of the public schools of Alton, Ill., then after a five years' pastorate at the Union Baptist church of Cincinnati, he settled at Metropolis as principal of the public schools of that city, in which capacity he served for ten consecutive years. He has been for some time employed in the state printer expert's office. He was elected a member of the republican state central committee in 1884.

The board of directors of the Ambidexter institute feel highly gratified in that they have been able to secure the services of Dr. MaGee and with the hearty co-operation of the people of his race and the citizens of Springfield, they have every reason to believe that the Ambidexter institute may broaden and enlarge its sphere of influence and become what it ought to be and what it may be—the leading school of its kind in this part of the country.—Register.

[Dr. MaGee is intimately identified with every move which has a lofty inclination, being the organizer of a colored historical society in this city and a man who ever looks to the race's advancement and the general dissemination of knowledge among all people.—Ed.]

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